

Town of Shrewsbury - Board of Selectmen
Richard D. Carney Municipal Office Building-Selectmen's Meeting Room
100 Maple Avenue
Monday, June 2, 2003 at 7:00 PM

Minutes

Present:

Bruce Card, Maurice DePalo, Thomas Fiore, Philip Hammond, John Lebeaux, and Daniel Morgado, Town Manager. Mr. Fiore called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Preliminaries:

1. Approve bills, payrolls and warrants #0395 in the amount of \$280,210.46 and #0398 in the amount of \$1,004,434.96.
2. Approve Minutes of May 12, 2003. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve.
3. Announcements – Mr. Fiore announced that there are still openings available in the Parks & Recreation Summer Programs in most adult and youth classes. Those interested can register at the Park & Rec. office during normal business hours. Contact the office with any questions.
4. Town Manager's Report - Nothing other than what is on the Agenda.

Meetings:

5. 7:00pm - Michael Hale & Jack Perreault – Town Center Project. Mr. Hale and Mr. Perreault were present. Mr. Hale advised the Board that construction on the town center is scheduled to begin June 16th and continue into November. Construction will take place between the hours of 7:00am and 3:30pm, Monday through Friday and may include an occasional night or two of additional work. Work will start up again in April of 2004 with estimated completion sometime in 2004. Work this year involves tree removal, street widening, curbing, utilities, sidewalk installation, initial paving and street lights. Final paving, brick on the sidewalks and crosswalks and landscaping is scheduled for next year. The construction area extends from Route 140 at Prospect Street through the intersection and continues several yards down Grafton Street and from Beal School through the intersection of Route 140 down Main Street to Skaff Florists. Residents are advised to seek alternate routes through town center during this period. The project is funded by the state, Mass. Turnpike Authority, Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission, several grants and a private funding campaign led by Rep. Polito and Kevin Samara of the Historic District Commission, for installation of ornamental lighting. The Board asked several questions regarding detours and notification to residents. It was concluded that overall goal is well worth the inconvenience.
6. 7:15pm – Jack Perreault & John Knipe - South Quinsigamond Avenue Discussion. Mr. Perreault and Mr. Knipe were present. Mr. Fiore reviewed the Board's concerns and proposed solutions to the various posted speed limits on South Quinsigamond Avenue. He asked Mr. Perreault and Mr. Knipe for the background on the posted speeds and suggestions on how the roadway could be reposted uniformly. Mr. Perreault advised that the road had been reconstructed in three pieces hence the various speed limits. If the Board wishes to change and set a speed limit they have to adhere to MassHighway standards. He has done a preliminary study using those standards, and the use of counters. Based on the 85 percentile which is used in setting speed limits the speed limit Mass Highway would set would be 40 mph. This is obviously too high and would not please the residents. After a discussion, the Board asked Mr. Perreault to approach the MassHighway Dept. and report back about replacing the current speed limit signs with "thickly settled" advisory sign and a uniform speed limit of 30 mph.
7. 7:30pm – Robert Tozeski - Residential Water Rate Decision. Mr. Tozeski was present in the event any Board members had questions regarding the water rate decision. Mr. Fiore reviewed the public hearing and subsequent discussion on this matter. Mr. Morgado presented some new scenarios developed since that meeting. After a discussion Mr. Lebeaux moved that the board put into effect, beginning with water purchased after June 1, 2003, water rates as shown in Scenario 10 for residential customers. They are: \$15 for up to 4,999 gallons, down from the current \$24.00, \$2.50 per 1,000 for 5,000-24,999 gallons, \$4.50 pr 1,000 for 25,000-49,999 gallons, and \$5.50 per 1,000 for over 50,000 gallons. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Mr. Morgado advised the Board that a response to the Enaya Place 40B Project, which appeared on a previous agenda was being prepared. The Engineering Dept. has several concerns regarding this project; incomplete information, inconsistencies in amount of units, road access, utilities, etc. They would like these concerns addressed by MassHousing before proceeding with approval on this project. Motion was made to sign a letter to MassHousing subject to and revisions within the next 24 hours stating these concerns. Motion was seconded and unanimously voted.

Public Hearings:

Old Business:

8. Chief Sampson's Reports: Parking – Browne Road. Chief Sampson does not recommend change in the current no parking zone. No Action – draft letter to person making request. No Parking Zone – Public Library. Chief Samson agrees the fire lane along the library building should be posted as a no parking zone. Motion was made and seconded and unanimously voted to designate as a no parking zone the fire lane at the 1980 additional of the library. Stop Sign – Trowbridge Lane. On Chef Sampson's recommendation, a motion was made to place a stop sign in the westbound lane of Trowbridge Lane at the intersection of Founders Road. Motion was seconded and unanimously voted.
9. CATV Rate Increase. Mr. Fiore reviewed the information presented by the Light Commission at the public hearing on May 12th. Motion was made to approve to increase the cost of basic cable service by \$11.00 per month to \$13.70 and expanded basic by \$3.00 to \$30.55 per month. Motion was seconded and unanimously voted.
10. Accu-Tek, 409 Hartford Turnpike, request for change in address for their Class I License. Motion was made to approve the change in address for the Class I License for Accu-Tek from the front to the back of the building. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

New Business:

11. Sign Assistant Treasurer's Bond for \$35,500. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve and have Mr. Card sign as Clerk.
12. Reappointment of Town Counsel FY 2002 - Attorney T. Philip Leader for a term of one year to expire June 30, 2004. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to reappoint Mr. Leader as Town Counsel.
13. Treasurer requests Board's approval to reappoint Mary Grillo as Assistant Treasurer for a term of one year to expire June 30, 2004. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to reappoint Mary Grillo as Assistant Treasurer.
14. Shrewsbury Electric Light Department recommends four (4) 70-watt high-pressure sodium light fixtures to be installed as shown on plan entitled "Stony Brook Lane II" dated 6/14/99. Developer to pay \$500 per light installation fee. Cost to the Town would be \$32.56 per light totaling \$130.24. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve.
15. Charles Tagman for Pernet Family Health, One Day All Alcohol License for fund raising event at Donahue Rowing Center, 237 No. Quinsigamond Ave. Sunday, June 8, 2003 from 12:00 noon to 5:00pm. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve.
16. Set meeting schedule July- December 2003. Deferred for discussion at June 16th meeting.
17. Creedon & Co., Inc., 39 Jolma Road, Worcester, MA. One Day All Alcohol License for event at Donahue Rowing Center, 237 No. Quinsigamond Ave., Thursday, June 12, 2004 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve.
18. Preston & Susan Shaw, 25 Kenilworth Road, One Day All Alcohol License for wedding at Donahue Rowing Center, 237 No. Quinsigamond Ave., Sunday, June 15, 2003, 12:00 noon to 5:00pm. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve.
19. George Demake for St Nicholas Orthodox Church, 34 Gold Street, One Day Wine & Malt Beverages License for church picnic on Saturday, September 13, 2003 from 11:00am to 8:00pm. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve.

Executive Session:

Communications:

20. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from David Rocheleau, Lyra Research, Inc., re Water Rates. Supporting Scenario 6.
21. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Scott Cossette, 23 Stonybrook Lane, re Proposed Residential Water Rates.
22. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Atty. Richard Ricker re Enterprise Rent A Car & NationsRent. Approval given to issue license to Enterprise Rent-A-Car.
23. Noted copy mailed: Memo from MBTA re Program for Mass Transportation (complete document on file in BOS office).
24. Noted copy mailed: Letter from John Early, 248 Prospect Street, requesting stop sign at intersection of Prospect & Hill Streets. Forward to Chief Sampson for review.
25. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Michael Hale to Rep. Polito re Corazzini Boat Ramp. Hope to have done this year
26. Noted copy mailed: ZBA Hearing Minutes, 4/29/03, David Guba, 36 Bay View Drive
27. Noted copy mailed: ZBA Hearing Minutes, 4/29/03, Paul & Sharon Laramée, 57 Hillside Drive
28. Noted copy mailed: ZBA Hearing Minutes, 4/29/03, Enterprise Rent-A-Car Co. of Boston, 800 Hartford Tpke.
29. Noted copy mailed: ZBA Hearing Minutes, 4/29/03, Martin & Sally Hayes, 39 Bumble Bee Circle.
30. Noted copy mailed: ZBA Hearing Minutes, 4/29/03, Craig Hokanson, 196 Main Street.
31. Noted copy mailed: ZBA Hearing Minutes, 4/29/03, Philip Harter, 939 Boston Turnpike.
32. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Mike Stiling re New Water Rate Proposals
33. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Town Clerk Dagle to Rev. Bard of Liberty Assembly of God Church re positive experience in first use of his church's all purpose room for Town election. The Board also expressed their thanks to the church for allowing the town to use their multi-purpose room for voting.
34. Noted copy mailed: COA Board Meeting Minutes, 4/9/03
35. noted copy mailed: School Committee Meeting Minutes, 4/2/03, 4/15/03 & 5/7/03
36. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Jack Perreault re Bridle Path. Action taken at Annual Town Meeting.
37. Noted copy mailed: ZBA Hearing Agenda, 6/4/03
38. Noted copy mailed: Memo from Mr. Morgado re CWMO Project Status. Still working on this matter.
39. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Mr. Morgado reappointing Joseph Zecco, Jr. to the Board of Sewer Commissioners.
40. Noted copy mailed: Memo from Dept. of Housing & Community Development re Housing Certification 2004
41. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Stephen Heald re Police Boathouse
42. Noted copy mailed: Letter from AMF Bowling Centers, Inc. re change in corporate officers. Check with ABCC whether any action is required.
43. Noted copy mailed: Street Sweeping Update as of 5/15/03 from Supt. Knipe. Very slow this year due to severity of last winter, approximately 50% of the town is done at present.
44. Noted copy mailed: MMA Action Alert #9, 5/15/03 & #10, 5/21/03
45. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Joy Buck, 11 Greylock Ave., re May 12th Meeting. Mr. Fiore will respond.
46. Noted copy mailed: Materials from National Multi Housing Council re Multifamily Housing. (brochure on file in BOS office)
47. Noted copy mailed: Request for meeting on parking on Ek Court from Arthie Burke, Cathy Schipritt & John Voellings. Will contact for further information on what the residents are seeking.
48. Noted copy mailed: City & Town, Vol. 16, No. 5 May 2003
49. Noted copy mailed: Notification of Project Change for Southwoods from BSC Group. (complete package on file in BOS office)
50. Noted copy mailed: Phase I Waiver Request & Notification of Project Change for Assabet River Consortium Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. (complete package on file in BOS office)
51. Noted copy mailed: Letter from MassHighway re Footprint Roads Program
52. Noted copy mailed: USFilter Monthly Compliance Report, April 2003
53. Noted copy mailed: Request from Ching-Hung Chen, 5 Candlewood Way, for installation of two streetlights at entry of Candlewood Way. Forward to Light Dept. for review.

54. Noted copy mailed: Letter from John Mauro, Jr. re parking for events at Hebert's Candies, 575 Hartford Turnpike. Forward copies of letter to Chief Sampson and the owner of the industrial park for resolution.
55. Noted copy mailed: Order of Notice from Dept. of Telecommunications & Energy re petition from Commonwealth Electric, Cambridge Electric, Boston Edison d/b/a NSTAR Electric & NSTAR Gas
56. Noted copy mailed: Thank you letter from Finance Committee Chair DeWolfe to Daniel Sherman for input at Town Meeting
57. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Lt. Gov. Healey to Chairman Fiore re attendance at local officials meeting
58. Noted copy mailed: Invitation to Municipal Layoff Employer Information Sessions from Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development
59. Noted copy mailed: MBTA Advisory Board - 5/29/03 Meeting Reminder, Materials & Agenda.
60. Noted copy mailed: Letter from John Connor, 18 Orchard Road, re adoption of new water rates & Mr. Morgado's response.
61. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Steve Costanzo, 13 Gates Road, re yard waste removal & Mr. Morgado's response. Has been resolved.
62. Noted copy mailed: Memo from Mr. Morgado re Proposed Fee Structure – Fire Dept. Hold for Old Business at June 16th meeting.
63. Noted copy mailed: Information re FY04 Annual Grant for Self-Help, Urban Self-Help & Federal Land & Water Conservation Programs from Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. Noted copy mailed: Thank you for attending Libertyville Celebration from Liberty Assembly of God. Mr. Morgado and Me. Lebeaux attended.
64. Noted copy mailed: ZBA Hearing Minutes, 5/14/03, James & Sandra Cawley, 11 East Street.
65. Noted copy mailed: ZBA Hearing Minutes, 5/14/03, Elizabeth & Greg Allen, 83 Main Blvd.
66. Noted copy mailed: ZBA Hearing Minutes, 5/14/03, Marilyn Capelle, 207 Maple Avenue.
67. Noted copy mailed: Request for stop signs on Grace Avenue from Shannon Woods & Neighborhood Homeowners. Forward to Chief Sampson for recommendation and discussion under Old Business.
68. Noted copy mailed: Mass. Dept. of Revenue Bulletin 2003-11B.
69. Noted copy mailed: Letter from John Connor, 18 Orchard Road, re water rates/conservation.
70. Noted copy mailed: School Committee Meeting Agenda, 6/4/03.
71. Noted copy mailed: Notice of Phase IV Final Inspection Report for NationsRent, Inc.
72. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Rep. Polito re FY04 Grant for Federal Land & Water Conservation Programs.

Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice C. McCoy
Secretary